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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF ORTEGA PENA FUNERAL

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1. THE OVER 300 PEOPLE DETAINED AS A RESULT OF INCIDENTS DURING THE FUNERAL PROCESSION FOR SLAIN NATIONAL DEPUTY RODOLFO ORTEGA PENA HAVE BEEN RELEASED. APPARENTLY NO CHARGES WERE LODGED AND NONE ARE PENDING.

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF VILLAR HAS PLACED TWO OFFICERS ON RETIRMENT AND TRANSFERRED TWO OTHERS AS A RESULT OF THEIR ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE FUNERAL CORTEGE. THE FOUR WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLOWING THE PROCESSION TO PASS NEAR THE CASA ROSADA. THIS CAME AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF TENSE NEGOTIATING BETWEEN ORTEGA PENA'S MOURNERS AND POLICE. UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE POLICE OFFICIALS, AS THE CROWD PASSED BY THE BUILDING IT CHANTED OBSCENE SLOGANS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT AND LOPEZ REGA.

3. COMMENT. WHILE THE INSULTS WERE OFFENSIVE, THE COMPROMISE BETWEEN POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS WOULD SEEM TO HAVE DEFUSED

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A POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. THE PUNISHMENT GIVEN TO THE

FOUR POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE A LESSON THAT IS NOT LOST ON
THEIR COLLEAGUES.
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